

MOTHER TO AVENGE DEATH OF HER SON

Mrs. Lansdowne Wants
Scalp of Collector.

LIEBERTH'S BROTHER'S DEED

Said to Have Killed Youth in Mistake
for His Brother, a Discharged
Gauger.

Persistent in her desire to see her son's death avenged and insisting that the commission take speedy action one way or another against George Lieberth, whose brother murdered her son, Mrs. Helen Lansdowne, of Covington, Ky., is a daily caller on Civil Service Commissioner Green.

Mrs. Lansdowne has been in Washington nearly a week, and has announced her intention of staying here longer.

A Noteworthy Case.

The Lieberth case is one of the most interesting that has come before the commission for a long time.

George Lieberth is a revenue collector of the Covington district, Wallace Lansdowne was a gauger under him.

Lansdowne was discharged last summer on account of failure to attend to his duties at a distillery. Such was the official announcement.

He maintains that the distillery for which he was discharged was a trivial offense, and that the real cause was because he had refused to aid Lieberth in a political way, and refused to contribute to the campaign fund.

In August he filed charges against Lieberth. An inspector was sent to Covington to investigate.

Wrong Man Killed.

The day he arrived there John Lansdowne, a brother of the discharged gauger, was stabbed and killed by John Lieberth. The affair occurred at night in front of the Lansdowne home. It is maintained that John Lieberth in the darkness believed he was killing Wallace Lansdowne.

Mrs. Lansdowne believes that this is true, and she is here to see that some action is taken in the matter. She desires nothing more than to see Lieberth discharged. Charges against Lieberth on other counts are also awaiting decisions at the Treasury Department.

Mr. Green stated that he did not know when the case would be decided.

POTTER SALOON IN WINNIPEG.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 26.—At a meeting of the Ministerial Association it was decided to open a saloon similar to the one started by Bishop Potter in New York.

DISTRICT BUSINESS ON BUSINESS BASIS

Committee Almost Ready to Report How to Run the
Local Government.

The report of the committee appointed by the District Commissioners fifteen months ago to investigate the conduct of the local government in all its branches will, it is predicted, be submitted to the Commissioners within the next few days.

The findings of the committee, covering about 500 pages of typewritten matter, it is further claimed, will go far toward putting on a good working basis the District government, which is now, admittedly deficient in effectiveness and promptness in routine discharge of business.

The committee consists of Health Officer Woodward, Auditor Garrison, and Property Clerk Simms. All have labored long and faithfully to ascertain the defects of the system of which they are members. Their duty was to recommend procedure that would centralize and closely connect all the departments of the government, thus facilitating and hastening the discharge of work and the forwarding of official papers from office to office.

Not long ago the assertion was made that there was "not a single department of the local government without one or more defects in its custom and system of disposing of routine business." Such a state of affairs is realized to be bad, and, in some respects, inexcusable. What is needed is a system that will insure promptness and an unflinching route for papers to take on their way from the inferior offices to the sanctums of the rulers, the Commissioners.

Recently a citizen of the District had

to get a permit for a certain kind of improvement on his property. The permit was delayed ten days, and finally the citizen solicited the aid of a District employee in his efforts to have the permit approved and issued.

The investigation of the matter by the official elicited the fact that the paper in question had three times gone from the department granting the permit to the office of the secretary to the Board of Commissioners, and had each time, through the inattention of a messenger, been carried back to that same department. The result of such a procedure was the ten days' delay.

Such occurrences, it is claimed, often take place, and the tendency of such looseness in administrative detail is to the ridicule of those who have dealings with it. It is the investigating committee's mission to do away with the laxity now prevalent at the District Building.

One explanation for the deplorable condition is that the District government has been pre-eminently, since its organization, a "piecemeal government," the phrase meaning that the government of the District of Columbia, while put in shape by its organization act, has been amended and added to by successive acts of Congress, until its form and substance has undergone many important changes. The alterations have not always been of the finished kind.

The investigating committee will endeavor, in its report, to close up the gaps, smooth out the inequalities, and abolish the conflicting rules and laws.

SPIRITUALIST SEANCE AT LAFAYETTE THEATER

Dr. Henry J. Arnold, one of the foremost exponents of spiritualism, will give a seance at the Lafayette Theater tonight.

Dr. Arnold's program will include not only manifestations as practiced by leading mediums, but also new features, more incomprehensible because executed on an open and brilliantly lighted stage.

He invites any person or persons in the audience to make a thorough examination of the stage and all the paraphernalia he makes use of.

Included in his experiments will be slate writing, spirit pictures, blood writing on the arm, floating chairs and tables, and the feature known as dematerialization, in which figures appear on the stage in the midst of a committee chosen from the audience, disappear at command, and immediately afterward are to be seen in the audience again.

HE DRANK "THIRD RAIL" AND HE NEARLY DIED

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 26.—Considerably in doubt whether a man whom they found in the suburbs of this city was dead or intoxicated, two hunters discharged their guns over the prostrate form.

The man did not stir. The police were notified, and under the influence of station house warmth the sufferer revived. He said he had been drinking "third rail," a mixture of whisky, cider and gin.

PENNSY PLACES ORDER FOR 11,800 FREIGHT CARS

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 26.—The Pennsylvania Company announced last night that it had closed contracts for the building of about 5,000 freight cars. This is independent of the recent orders placed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for 6,800 freight cars.

AMERICANS ASK GIFT OF PARIS

Want Free Site for School
of Fine Arts.

GRANT TO BE RECOMMENDED

National Institute Started by Matilda
Smedley—Secretary Hay and
Senator Frye Patrons.

PARIS, Nov. 26.—A proposed convention between the American National Institute and the city of Paris has been submitted to a committee of the municipal council. The object is the acquisition of a free site on which to erect a school of fine arts, which will grant annually a prize of Paris similar to the prize of Rome.

The institute was started by Matilda Smedley, Secretary of State Hay, and Senator Frye are patrons of the institute, which has large financial support.

The "Temps" says the reason for asking for a free site is because the Constitution forbids American societies acquiring lands abroad. The committee will recommend the grant, although it regrets that the United States subjects works of art to excessive duties.

It thinks that Paris should take wider views and have nobler ideals for the furtherance of art, and should not stoop to petty reprisals. The plans for the institute are subject to the approval of the city architects.

The convention will be annulled unless the United States grants \$250,000 for the institute.

WOMAN KILLS RIVAL AND THEN HERSELF

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 26.—Mrs. John M. Kiser last night went to Woodlawn, a suburb, hired a boy to carry a note to Miss Nellie Edwards, a popular young lady of that town, summoning her to the Kiser home.

When she appeared Mrs. Kiser emerged from behind a tree and fired two shots at Miss Edwards. Both shots took effect and produced a mortal wound.

As the police undertook to arrest Mrs. Kiser she fired two shots, one through her stomach, another through the heart, and fell dead.

Jealousy is given as the cause of the double tragedy.

A SECRET.

"Miss Topley has dyed her hair black."
"Is that so?"
"Yes, but don't tell anybody."
"A secret?"
"Yes, she wants to keep it dark."
Cleveland Plain Dealer.

POLICE NIP PURPOSE OF NILES AND ARMY

Chief O'Neill, of Chicago, and Assistant
Capture Leader and Plan
Comes to Naught.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—"Military Governor" W. H. Niles has marched into the "Deestrick of Lake Michigan" and then marched out again. When he came out he was in the hands of the foe, commanded by Chief of Police O'Neill and Assistant Schuetzler.

"Get out of the district," shouted Niles when he found himself surrounded. "You ain't got no authority here." "Take him to the Harrison Street police station, where our authority cannot be disputed," ordered Chief O'Neill. At the station Niles apparently forgot his military title and signed himself as a janitor.

Information of an intended invasion of the district was sent to Assistant Schuetzler several days ago, and he and Chief O'Neill personally took charge of a plan to frustrate the move.

Niles, it was known, would drive from the north with two companions. The rest of his "army" was to meet in two divisions. In a formal Thanksgiving proclamation official declaration of the occupation of the lake front was to be made.

Detectives Berwick and Bretznitz seized Niles near the water works soon after he had stepped on to the disputed ground. By this premature action the "army" was permitted to escape, and both detectives were rebuked by their superiors for their haste.

Niles was charged with conspiracy and disorderly conduct. "Captain" George Wellington Streeter is declared to have had nothing to do with the invasion.

INVENTOR IS KILLED BY SECRET EXPLOSION

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 26.—Harry Mills, a young inventor of Alton, Ill., was killed by the explosion of a compound which he had invented and which is believed to be of great value. The secret of the high explosive is supposed to have died with him.

He worked alone in a small shop, and no one is known to have shared his confidence. He was alone when the explosion took place, and the explanation of it is lacking.

He leaves a wife and a daughter.

"THEREFORE HE WEEPS."

Timothy L. Woodruff, in illustrating a point which he wished to make at a recent political gathering, told of an epitaph which a husband caused to be chiseled upon the monument of his wife, who had died after a somewhat tempestuous married life. The epitaph read: "Here lies a wife. Tears cannot bring her back. Therefore her husband weeps."

ARMY AND NAVY LEAGUE FAVORS THE CANTEEN

Text of Resolution Passed at Last
Meeting of the Body—W. C.
T. U. Criticized.

At a recent meeting of the Woman's Army and Navy League, Mrs. J. C. Kelton, widow of Adjutant General Kelton, U. S. A., presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Whereas through a misapplied zeal and a lack of appreciation and understanding as to the reasons why canteens or post exchanges were originally established at army posts, as well as a misconception of the manner of conducting the sales of beer, and whereas a three years' test forbidding the sale of beer or light wines on any Government reservation has proven detrimental rather than beneficial to the enlisted men, and whereas the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has influenced the Congress of the United States to abolish the canteen by the act of February 2, 1901, be it here resolved:

"That the women of the Woman's Army and Navy League, whose object has been for seventeen years to work for the general welfare, the contentment, and the amusement of our soldiers and sailors, shall present at the next session of Congress a petition urging that the canteen or post exchange with the same conditions as to a restricted sale of beer and light wines as existed prior to February 2, 1901, be restored at an early date."

TO PROVE FAITH PASTOR STARVES

Death After 41 Days of
Fasting.

'WAS INSPIRED BY THE LORD'

Believed He Could Not Come to Harm,
Sister Don't Think He's
Dead.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Nov. 26.—As the result of an effort to show his faith in his particular form of religion, the Rev. J. C. Buckles, until a year ago pastor of the Addyston Methodist Church, has died of starvation.

Forty-one days ago Buckles became convinced that he was called by the Lord to prove his faith by fasting, and since that time not an ounce of food has passed his lips.

Another preacher went to him and begged him to eat, but he refused. He said his fast was inspired by the Lord and that he could not come to harm.

Buckles was found sitting on a chair at his apartments in a hotel at Addyston today, dead.

His sister, who had been fasting with him, was beside the body, but protested Buckles was not dead. "He cannot be dead," she cried. "The Lord will not let him die. He'll bring him back to life."

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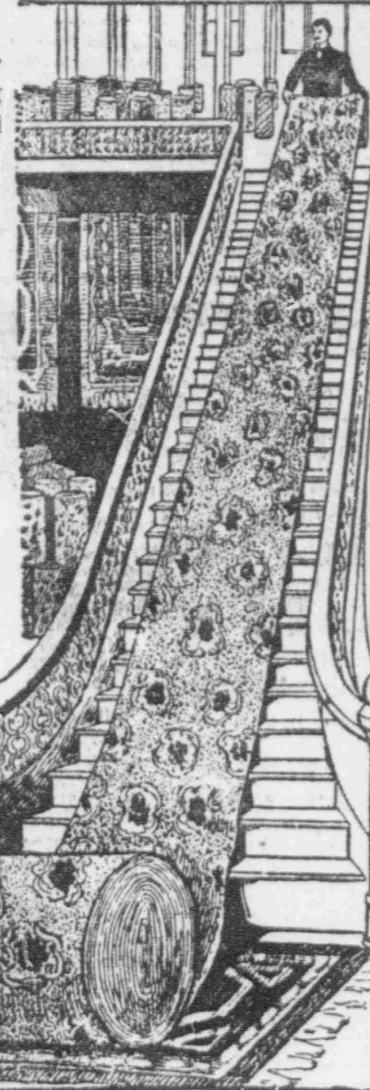
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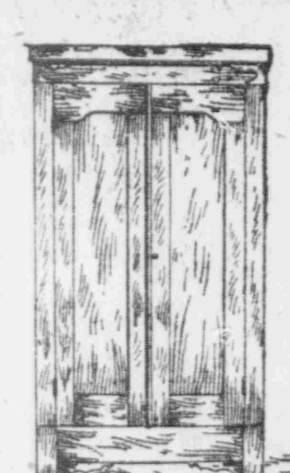
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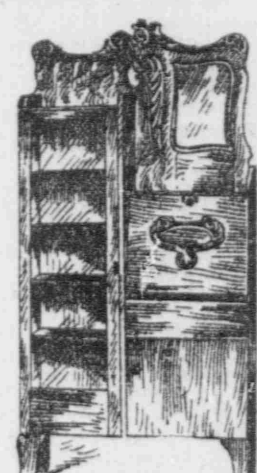
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